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Honorable Christine Kehoe
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1669 (Kehoe) Support

Dear Senator Kehoe:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) supports your SB 1669, which would require that the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) provide DRA and other consumer representatives with reasonable access to information from electric service providers. Your bill would ensure that DRA has access to the information it requires to fully represent ratepayer interests in all proceedings before the Commission. In particular, electric resource planning activities addressed at the Commission (including such things as development of new generation and transmission facilities, greenhouse gas emission reductions and energy efficiency programs) cannot be adequately addressed without having some understanding of the resources available to all California market participants.

Your bill would require that such necessary information be made available to DRA and other consumer representatives comparable to the requirements for investor-owned utilities that are regulated by the Commission. By requiring a comparable level of disclosure, your bill would not disadvantage non-utilities.

In addition to ensuring that information DRA needs is available, your bill would also help streamline Commission proceedings by eliminating disputes regarding the disclosure of such information. This would reduce the often lengthy delays in Commission proceedings required to resolve such disputes.

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your bill and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Appling, Director
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